the Centre for Science and Technology and the Research and Information System of Non-aligned and other developing countries. It also called for further assistance to Africa in the context of the Plan of Action of the Movement of Non-aligned countries to meet the critical economic situation of Africa, which was adopted at New Delhi in April, 1985. It expressed appreciation for the establishment of the Independent Commission of the South for development issues.

(d) India is consulting and coordinating closely with other Non-aligned countries for the effective implementation of these decisions.

Evasion of excise duty by Kirloskar Group of Industries

1428. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kirloskar Group of Industries have recently been found involved in the evasion of Central excise duty to the extent of Rs. 5.43 crores; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take against the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Show Cause Notice dated 15-1-1986 has been issued to M/s. Kirloskar Brothers Limited, M|s. Kirloskar Proprietary Limited and Directors| Executives of the aforesaid companies. The adjudication proceedings are in progress. Simultaneously criminal proceedings have also been initiated against these two companies and Directors/Executives of both the companies before the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate Class I Pune.

12.00 NOON

ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, we take up the election of the ...

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE (West Bengal): Sir, will you notice that towards the end of the Question Hour, the booths are being captured under the leadership of the Prime Minister?

MR. CHAIRMAN: You mean the seats have been captured and not the booths.

Let us take up the election of the Deputy Chairman. There are 12 motions for the election of the Deputy Chairman. Members who have given notice may now move one by one and in each case the motion is also to be seconded by the seconder of that motion, Shri V. P. Singh.

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): Sir, I beg to move the following Motion:

"That Shrimati Pratibha Devisingh Patil be chosen as the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha."

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Sir, I second the Motion.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I beg to move the following Motion:

"That Shrimati Kanak Mukherjee be chosen as the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha."

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Chaturanan Mishra—not here. It is not seconded. Dipen Ghosh.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Sir, I beg to move the following Motion :

"That Shrimati Kanak Mukherjee be chosen as the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha."

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA (Punjab) : Sir, I second the Motion.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Gurupadaswamy. He is absent. Shri Virendra Verma.